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Dear Reader

A certain breakthrough is opening up new perspectives and connections: the first weekend in June will see the grand opening of the Gotthard Base tunnel and, with it, completely new prospects for north and south. At 57 kilometres in length, it is a world-record-breaking tunnel. 28,200,000 tonnes of rock were excavated during the construction process – particles of which you can find on the special stamps with a gutter.

At the end of August, our champion Swiss wrestlers will be offering up fierce battles in the sawdust, fighting for the coveted laurel wreath in Estavayer-le-Lac. A special sheet of stamps with a vignette in the centre pays tribute to the traditional Swiss sport.

While we humans sleep the sleep of the just, it's time for four of our animal friends to come out to play: the "Nocturnal animals" set presents creatures that few of us are lucky enough to catch a glimpse of in the wild.

This year's combination print whisks us off to north-eastern Switzerland – to the beautiful, idyllic region of Lake Constance. The motif is sure to put you in a holiday mood.

The new set of Pro Patria stamps (with surcharge) showcases fortresses and castles. Picture yourself as a damsel or a noble knight, strolling through the ancient buildings.

This year's Europa stamp is dedicated to the topic "Think Green", prompting us all to take care of the natural world and to be more aware of the consequences of our actions.

Please note the survey on page 5 of this issue. Why not take part and help us to continue optimizing our offering and service? Thank you!

I hope you enjoy browsing through our magazine.

Kind regards

Carina Ammon
Head of CM Stamps
& Philately

Alptransit AG

Photo archive Estavayer2016

Preview of the diverse topics covered in this issue of "Focus on stamps".

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Construction of the crosscut galleries in the Gotthard base tunnel. Photo: Alptransit AG

The second half of the year and **still going strong**

It's full steam ahead for the new "Swiss railway stations" definitive stamp set, which is due to replace all existing definitive stamps (Vegetable blossoms, Traditional handicrafts and Mushrooms). Highly developed production technology enables a perfect presentation of delightful motifs, and another classic Swiss landscape transports us to beautiful Ticino. While aerophilately is celebrating its 50-year anniversary, Swiss Post is dedicating a special stamp with a surcharge to a dark period of Swiss history.
The stamp offering for 2016 will be rounded off with a celebrity stamp featuring music stars, Christmas stamps, a new set of Pro Juventute stamps, a miniature sheet for Stamp Day in Oberaargau and a joint issue with the Dominican Republic.
And there might just be a few other surprises in store for you too.

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	1.00	Flower
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1	**2.00**	**Miniature sheet Typical Swiss countryside**
	2.00	Verzasca Valley
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1	**2.50**	**Postal card** Stamp Day 2016 Oberaargau
4	**5.35**	**Special stamps Christmas**
	0.85	Christmas tree
	1.00	Snowman
	1.50	Angel
	2.00	Sledge
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	6.00	Basel SBB

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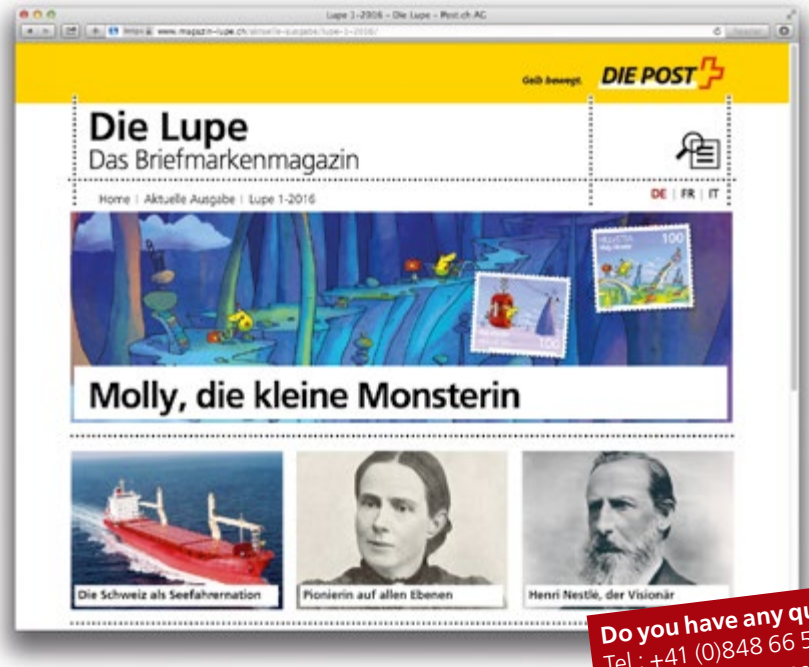

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Dear Reader

You are holding the latest issue of "Focus on Stamps". We are pleased to provide you with regular news and updates from the world of Swiss philately. We will do everything we can in future too to arouse your interest in the latest stamp-related topics.

Did you know that since the beginning of 2016 you can also read "Focus on Stamps" online? The same content as in the print version is available online at postshop.ch/lupe. Online we also have the possibility of publishing multimedia articles which, besides text, photos and diagrams, can also include audio and video elements. A visit to our new online portal is definitely worthwhile. And if you like our online presence and no longer wish to receive the paper version of "Focus on Stamps", you can inform us there under the heading "Go to Focus on Stamps online".

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We would like to thank you for your interest and look forward to welcoming you in our online world.

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Installation of the fixed track in the tunnel. Photo: Alptransit AG

The Swiss spirit can move mountains

Two special stamps with a gutter document a strengthened sense of togetherness.

From time immemorial, the giant Gotthard has been perched up high on the granite and gneiss of the massif. At least according to ancient legend. An imposing figure, he parts the waters, the four winds and the cardinal points and divides cultures, languages and mentalities, dashing all human dreams of mobility and freedom of movement. There have, of course, always been a few stalwart individuals who have somehow succeeded in climbing over the giant's shoulders. But it was not until 1200 that the attack on the Alpine barrier began to take a systematic approach and the wild Schöllenen Gorge was conquered – with the construction of a swaying footbridge and, finally, a bridge allegedly built with the aid of the devil. It wasn't long before the mule trains began to get in each others' way. The story of tailbacks at the Gotthard massif had begun…

When the mule track was transformed into a pass road, the mail coaches took over. A famous painting by Rudolf Koller depicts galloping horses pulling the Gotthard mail coach in Leventina. 15 or more coaches travelled in each direction daily. But even this was barely enough. When the first tunnel opened in 1882 – a masterpiece of railway technology – the "crocodile" locomotives and spiral tunnels became famous all over the world. 1980 saw the opening of the road tunnel, and the story continued.

The Gotthard Base tunnel is opening up new prospects for the north and south. At 57 kilometres in length, it is a world-record-breaking tunnel. 28,200,000 tonnes of rock were excavated during the construction process, and 325 trains a day are set to speed through the massif. Has Gotthard the Giant climbed down from his perch at last?

Opening ceremony of the Gotthard Base tunnel

On the weekend of 4 and 5 June 2016, the opening of the world's longest tunnel will be marked by public celebrations. The festivities will take place at both portals of the 57-kilometre-long tunnel.

To find out more about the festivities, please visit **postshop.ch/lupe** and **gottardo2016.ch.**

We look forward to seeing you!

With real powdered stone from the Gotthard tunnel

For the production of the "Gottardo 2016" special stamps, finely powdered stone was extracted from the Gotthard tunnel excavations and affixed to the stamps. You can view a film on our website **postshop.ch/lupe** offering an insight into the production of the unique stamps. You also have the chance to win **20× 2 tickets for a trip through the tunnel** on 4 or 5.6.2016, **worth CHF 150.** Even more reason to visit our website!

CHF 4.00

The two postal cards "Erstfeld" and "Bodio" are available as a set, featuring the "Cargo" and "Re 460" locomotives.

A stunning souvenir of the Base tunnel

The “Gottardo 2016” souvenir pays tribute to the extraordinary achievement of constructing the world’s longest tunnel. The 37-page book tells the fascinating story of the Gotthard and offers insights into the building of both old and new tunnels. The information is in 4 languages (Ge/Fr/It/En). It also contains a wealth of historical and modern photographs and illustrations. The centrefold and accompanying original stamps “Gottardo 2016”, “100 years of the Lötschberg Railway” and “100 years of the Gotthard Railway” make the product a valuable collector’s item – not just for stamp collectors and railway enthusiasts!

01 DER GOTTHARD | LE SAINT-GOTHARD | IL SAN GOTTARDO | THE GOTTHARD
1815
1968
04 DER TUNNEL | LE TUNNEL | LA GALLERIA | THE TUNNEL
GOTTARDO 2016
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CHF 19.00

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Numismatic letter

The coin dated 28 January 2016 is made of silver and has a diameter of 33 mm. It was designed by Fredy Trümpi. Cover size: B6 (176 × 125 mm).

Gottardo 2016

CHF 1.00 Erstfeld • **CHF 1.00** Bodio

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A097 150 ★
A097 550 ⊙
CHF 2.00

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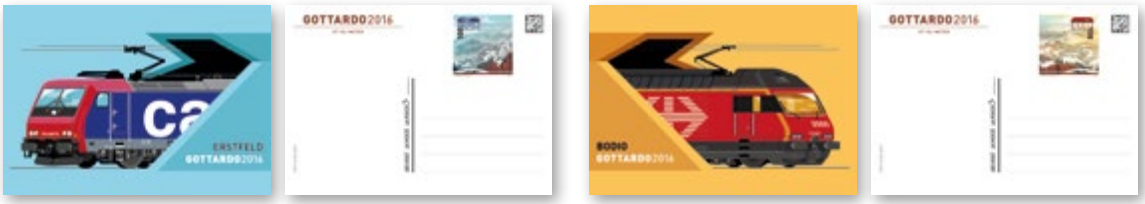

Set with one postal card "Erstfeld" and "Bodio", face value CHF 1.00 + 1.00 per card
A097 841 ★
A097 846 ⊙
CHF 4.00

Souvenir
Multi-language (Ge/Fr/It/En)
A097 835 ★ only
CHF 19.00

Numismatic letter
Numismatic letter with the set of "Gottardo 2016" special stamps for CHF 2.00 from 12.5.2016 and a "Gottardo 2016" commemorative coin worth CHF 20.00, cancelled with the first day stamp, size B6 (176×125 mm)
A097 210 ⊙ only *CHF 39.90*

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Sales
Philately: From 4.5.2016 to 30.6.2017, while stocks last
Post offices: From 12.5.2016, while stocks last

Validity
Unlimited from 12.5.2016

Printing
Offset, 5-colour, and special varnish, with powdered stone from the Gotthard tunnel; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France

Sizes
Stamps: 104×37 mm (inc. gutter)
(32.7×37 mm, 38.6×37 mm, 32.7×37 mm)
Sheet: 134×205 mm (5 rows of 2 stamps and gutter)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
14

Design
Vaudeville Studios, Zurich

First day cover motif

First day cancellation

Battling it out in breeches

When the Swiss wrestlers flex their muscles in August, they don't want to end up on their backs in the sawdust.

The tailors who create the Swiss wrestling sports accessories are based in Emmental, are saddlers by profession and have recently completed their summer 2016 collection. The breeches (including a belt) are available in natural beige and dark brown. They come in seven sizes and boast reinforced seams, which are up to six times stronger than standard seams. The extremely tough fabric known as "Zwilch" (jute) consists of twist for the warp and linen imported from the east for the weft. These items are reserved exclusively for the top wrestlers who will be taking part in the Swiss Wrestling and Alpine Festival in Estavayer-le-Lac from 26 to 28 August 2016 to decide the title winner for the coming three years. The young bull Mazot de Cremo, which will be presented to the winner, is black and white, in keeping with the official colours of the host canton. The prizes also include this evocative sheet of stamps, which can be purchased by those not likely to win it with their wrestling skills.

And wait for the result: with a perfect hip throw, the opponent can be laid down on his back.
Photo: Photo archive Estavayer2016

2016 Swiss Wrestling Festival in Estavayer

The federal championships will be held from 26 to 28 August 2016. As a sponsor of the event, Swiss Post Ltd will also be represented there with a stand and a special post office. We look forward to seeing you!

You can find additional information at **postshop.ch/lupe** and **estavayer2016.ch**

Awarding the wreaths: the oak-leaf wreath is awarded to the top 15 percent of wrestlers competing. The ceremony is also known as the "coronation". Photo: Photo archive Estavayer2016

Swiss wrestling

CHF 1.00

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A098 550 ⊙
CHF 1.00

Block of four not issued
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Sheet of 12 stamps
A098 111 ★
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Unstamped cover C6
A098 700
CHF 0.90

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Folder / collection sheet
A098 640 ★
A098 650 ⊙ *CHF 1.80*

Sales
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Post offices: From 12.5.2016, while stocks last

Validity
Unlimited from 12.5.2016

Printing
Offset printing, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands

Sizes
Stamp: 40×32.5 mm
Sheet: 190×161 mm (4 rows [2× 4 and 2× 2 stamps] and vignette 80×65 mm)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
13½

Design
Beat Leuenberger and Jürg Glauser, Berne

First day cover motif

First day cancellation

A testimony to Swiss chivalry

Charitable foundation Pro Patria is taking up the cudgels for a historical period of fortress and castle building in Switzerland. The era calls to mind courageous knights, dainty damsels and their heroic feats:

… Heinrich, the knight known as "Schrutan" (the giant), saved a whole region from a fire-breathing dragon. Benedict knocked opponent after opponent from their horses – saddles included – at the grand joust of the nobility, to the applause of his knaves. Wolfram rescued a damsel in distress from the clutches of evil enemies and smiled mischievously behind his visor…

The Swiss Pro Patria foundation uses stamps with a tax surcharge to raise funds in support of cultural and social projects throughout Switzerland. This year's Pro Patria stamps portray Zug Castle and Neu-Bechburg Oensingen Castle from the "Fortresses and castles of Switzerland" set (2016–2018).

Links to further information:
www.propatria.ch
www.burgzug.ch
www.neu-bechburg.ch

Pro Patria – Fortresses and castles of Switzerland

CHF 1.25 (0.85+0.40) Zug Castle • **CHF 1.50** (1.00+0.50) Neu-Bechburg Oensingen Castle

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Set
A101 150 ★
A101 550 ⊙
CHF 2.75

Set of blocks of four
A101 160 ★
A101 560 ⊙
CHF 11.00

Sheets of 20 stamps

0.85+0.40 Zug Castle
A101 111 ★
A101 511 ⊙
CHF 25.00

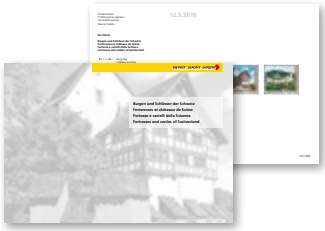
1.00+0.50 Neu-Bechburg Oensingen Castle
A101 112 ★
A101 512 ⊙
CHF 30.00

Unstamped cover C6
A101 700
CHF 0.90

Set on first day cover C6
A101 580 ⊙ only *CHF 3.65*

Single stamp on first day cover C6 (2 covers)
A101 600 ⊙ only *CHF 4.55*

Block of four on first day cover C6 (2 covers)
A101 630 ⊙ only *CHF 12.80*



Folder / collection sheet
A101 640 ★
A101 650 ⊙ *CHF 3.55*

Stamp booklet
4 stamps for CHF 0.85+0.40 with the "Zug Castle" motif and
6 stamps for CHF 1.00+0.50 with the "Neu-Bechburg Oensingen Castle" motif
A101 300 ★
A101 800 ⊙ *CHF 14.00*

Key
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Sales
Philately: From 4.5.2016 to 31.12.2016, while stocks last
Post offices: From 12.5.2016 to 31.8.2016, while stocks last

Validity
Unlimited from 12.5.2016

Printing
Offset, 5-colour, range + Pantone gold; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France

Sizes
Stamps: 33×28 mm
Sheets: 194×140 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
13¼:13½

Design
Angelo Boog, Wallisellen

First day cover motif

First day cancellation

Not all creatures are dull in the dark – for some, it's the chance to go wild.

When the humans are away, the animals will play

At night, when all good citizens make their way to bed to sleep the sleep of the just, it's time for some creatures to really start their revels and turn our night into their day. Under cover of darkness, they go in search of their prey – silently creeping, flying and lurking – and feast on their bounty or attract potential mates to play by the light of the silvery moon. Mother Nature has equipped them well over the course of evolution: with an acute sense of hearing, highly sensitive sight, organs of touch, radar-like systems, their own light sources and many other aids. Swiss Post is now devoting a set of special stamps to four native nocturnal animals: the tawny owl, the garden dormouse, the European glow-worm and the hedgehog. The stamps can, of course, be used night and day.

Nocturnal animals

CHF 0.85 Tawny owl • **CHF 1.00** Garden dormouse • **CHF 1.50** European glow-worm • **CHF 2.00** Hedgehog

Order using the enclosed order form or at postshop.ch

Set
A100 150 ★
A100 550 ⊙
CHF 5.35

Set of blocks of four
A100 160 ★
A100 560 ⊙
CHF 21.40

Sheetlets of 8 stamps

0.85 Tawny owl
A100 311 ★
A100 351 ⊙
CHF 6.80

1.00 Garden dormouse
A100 312 ★
A100 352 ⊙
CHF 8.00

1.50 European glow-worm
A100 313 ★
A100 353 ⊙
CHF 12.00

2.00 Hedgehog
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Set on first day cover C6
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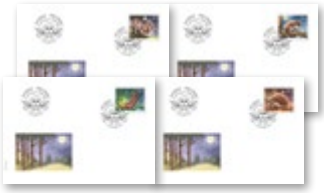
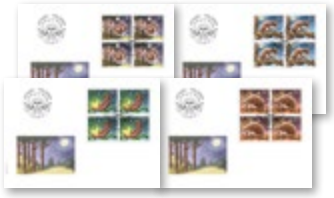


Single stamp on first day cover C6 (4 covers)
A100 600 ⊙ only *CHF 8.95*



Block of four on first day cover C6 (4 covers)
A100 630 ⊙ only *CHF 25.00*

Key
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Sheetlet on first day cover C5
0.85 Tawny owl
A100 591 ⊙ only *CHF 8.00*

Sheetlet on first day cover C5
1.00 Garden dormouse
A100 592 ⊙ only *CHF 9.20*

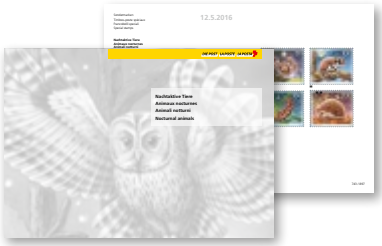
Sheetlet on first day cover C5
1.50 European glow-worm
A100 593 ⊙ only *CHF 13.20*

Sheetlet on first day cover C5
2.00 Hedgehog
A100 594 ⊙ only *CHF 17.20*

Unstamped covers/sheetlets

C6 (162×114 mm)
A100 700
CHF 0.90

C5 (229×162 mm)
A100 701
CHF 1.20



Folder / collection sheet
A100 640 ★
A100 650 ⊙ *CHF 6.15*

Picture postcards with stamps
Set of 4 A6 picture postcards with the motifs "Tawny owl", "Garden dormouse", "European glow-worm" and "Hedgehog" plus 4 CHF 1.00 "Garden dormouse" special stamps (not affixed)
A100 911 ★ only *CHF 8.00*

The picture postcards are not delivered as part of a standing order.

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Validity
Unlimited from 12.5.2016

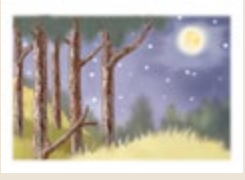
Printing
Offset printing, 4-colour, and special varnish; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France

Sizes
Stamps: 33×28 mm
Sheetlets: 210×115 mm (2 rows of 4 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
13¼:13½

Design
Sonja Burger, Wildegg



First day cover motif

First day cancellation

Idyllic lake: no gimmicks

Lake Constance may stun visitors, but its surprises are always of a pleasant kind.

Let's get one thing clear from the start: anyone hoping to spot a monster is going to be disappointed. Surrounded by three countries, the waters do not conceal any sea creatures in the vein of Nessie, for example. With its wealth of islands, Lake Constance is simply too idyllic for that. However, anglers near Bregenz did recently catch a huge wels catfish measuring 2.5 metres in length. Experts even suspect the existence of older and larger specimens gliding through the depths, measuring up to 3 metres in length and weighing well over 100 kilograms. But this shouldn't stop anyone from enjoying their water-sports or indulging their fascination with the stunning sunsets and fantastic cloud formations reflected in the enormous mirrored surface. This natural wonder consists of three bodies of water: the Obersee (upper lake), Untersee (lower lake) and Seerhein, which links the first two. The shoreline of this gem is shared by three countries. So it is no surprise that Swiss Post has chosen to present its new special stamp as a triptych.

Reader offer
Take part online now!

Dear Readers

This year our readers' trip takes us to the beautiful shores of Lake Constance. The tri-border area of north-eastern Switzerland has much to offer, and we have put together an exciting programme for you.
If you are interested in joining us, make sure you note **19 May 2016** in your diary.

You can find all information on taking part, including the programme, at postshop.ch/lupe!

We hope to receive many entries for the draw for this exclusive trip, and look forward to an unforgettable day in excellent company.

Lake Constance

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CHF 0.85 Säntis and Romanshorn • **CHF 0.85** Obersee • **CHF 0.85** Untersee and Ermatingen

Set*
A099 150 ★
A099 550 ⊙
CHF 2.55

Set of blocks of four
A099 160 ★
A099 560 ⊙
CHF 6.80

Sheet of 15 stamps**
A099 111 ★
A099 511 ⊙
CHF 12.75

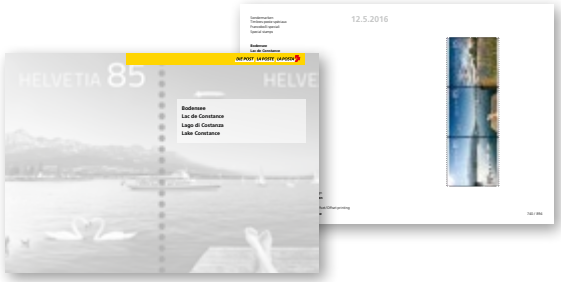
Key ★ = mint ⊙ = cancelled

Set on first day cover C6*
A099 580 ⊙ only *CHF 3.45*

Single stamp on first day cover C6
(3 covers)
A099 600 ⊙ only *CHF 5.25*

Block of four on first day cover C6
(2 covers)
A099 630 ⊙ only *CHF 8.60*

Unstamped cover C6
A099 700
CHF 0.90



Folder / collection sheet
A099 640 ★
A099 650 ⊙ *CHF 3.35*

* 3 combination-print special stamps "Säntis and Romanshorn", "Obersee" and "Untersee and Ermatingen"

** The sheet includes 5 horizontal rows with 3 combination-print special stamps "Säntis and Romanshorn", "Obersee" and "Untersee and Ermatingen". Motifs not available individually. Subscribers with "Horizontal pair" will receive 1 pair with the left and 1 pair with the right margin.

Sales
Philately: From 4.5.2016 to 30.6.2017, while stocks last
Post offices: From 12.5.2016, while stocks last

Validity
Unlimited from 12.5.2016

Printing
Offset printing, 4-colour;
Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France

Sizes
Stamps: 104×37.5 mm
(34.7×37.5 mm, 34.7×37.5 mm, 34.7×37.5 mm)
Sheet: 134×215 mm (5 rows of 3 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
14

Design
Wemako Kommunikation, Ermatingen

First day cover motif
(blind embossing)

First day cancellation

Making greener choices

When it comes to the environment, European countries (and others) are all in the same boat.

The planet has a climate problem: since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have risen by more than 142 percent, with concentrations of the greenhouse gases methane and nitrous oxide also rising by 253 and 121 percent respectively. Something must be done. As a climate scientist put it: "If the climate were a bank, we would long since have bailed it out." According to calculations, the point of no return for Miami, for example, is set to be reached in 2041 – if global warming continues at its current rate. After that, there will be no guarantee that the city (along with all its banks) will not disappear beneath the waves one day. It is a scenario reminiscent of disaster movies. But let's not paint a wholly dark picture. Instead, let's redouble our efforts to save the planet: think green – be green! To serve as a reminder, the European postal organizations, including Swiss Post, are issuing joint special stamps in 2016.

You can look forward to the multilateral product in the 3/2016 issue!

Europa – Ecology in Europe

CHF 1.00 Think Green • **CHF 1.00** Be Green

Order using the enclosed order form or at postshop.ch

Set
A102 150 ★
A102 550 ⊙
CHF 2.00

Block of four
A102 160 ★
A102 560 ⊙
CHF 4.00

Sheet of 16 stamps*
A102 111 ★
A102 511 ⊙
CHF 16.00

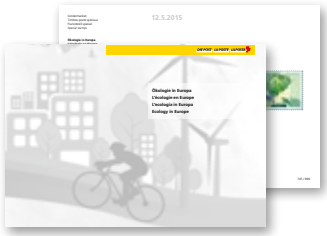
* The sheet comprises 8 stamps with the motifs "Think Green" and "Be Green"; not available separately.

Unstamped cover C6
A102 700
CHF 0.90

Set on first day cover C6
A102 580 ⊙ only *CHF 2.90*

Single stamp on first day cover C6
(2 covers)
A102 600 ⊙ only *CHF 3.80*

Block of four on first day cover C6
A102 630 ⊙ only *CHF 4.90*



Folder / collection sheet
A102 640 ★
A102 650 ⊙ *CHF 2.80*

Key ★ = mint ⊙ = cancelled

Sales
Philately: From 4.5.2016 to 30.6.2017, while stocks last
Post offices: From 12.5.2016, while stocks last

Validity
Unlimited from 12.5.2016

Printing
Offset printing, 4-colour; Giesecke & Devrient, Leipzig, Germany

Sizes
Stamps: 40×32.5 mm
Sheet: 190×162 mm (4 rows of 4 stamps)
2 motifs on one sheet

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
13½

Design
Doxia Sergidou, Cyprus ("Think Green" special stamp), Nicola Carpi and Dina Christ, Zurich ("Be Green" special stamp)

First day cover motif

First day cancellation

Colourful stamps
selected for you

Annual and special products

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Set of single stamps, 2/2016 edition
The single stamps/sets in the 2/2016 issue of 12.5.2016 are displayed on a free A5 backing card with a protective cellophane wrapping.
A096 150 ★
A096 550 ⊙ *CHF 15.65*

2015 year set
All 52 Swiss stamps for the year, clearly laid out on handy display cards with transparent protective sleeve.
A059 320 ★
A059 820 ⊙ *CHF 59.80*

Set of first day covers, 2/2016 edition
The first day covers with the set in the 2/2016 issue of 12.5.2016 are combined in one free cover.
A096 580 ⊙ only *CHF 21.05*

2015 year set of first day covers
All 24 first day covers (FDC) of the year – with the respective single stamps, sets or miniature sheets and cancelled with the corresponding first day cancellations – can be ordered as a set, which is also available as part of a standing order.
A061 530 only ⊙ *CHF 87.90*

2015 year book of Swiss stamps
As a valuable contemporary document, with each stamp inserted by hand, the year book presents the 52 original stamps of the last year, along with all the first day cancellations and an exclusive black print on 100 pages in four languages (de/fr/it/en).
A058 830 ★
A058 831 ⊙ *CHF 66.00*

Voucher for stamps and philatelic articles
871 399
CHF 15.00

2016 stamp catalogues

Zumstein Switzerland/ Liechtenstein/ UN Geneva
German/French
A050 725
CHF 35.00

Swiss Stamp Dealers Association Switzerland/Liechtenstein/UN Geneva
German/French
A049 787
CHF 37.00

The stamp catalogues will be delivered in Switzerland and Liechtenstein only.

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Exclusive stamps for the opening of the tunnel: Celebrate with us!

Special stamps (set)
CHF 2.00

Souvenir (multi-lingual, de/fr/it/en)
CHF 19.00

Set containing one “Erstfeld” and one “Bodio” postal card
CHF 4.00

Numismatic letter with the special stamp set and a “Gottardo 2016” commemorative coin
CHF 39.90

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